GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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USE OF ANTIBIOTICS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item `Antibiotics Ka Prayog Khatarnak Star Tak Pahuncha` publishing in the daily `Hindustan` dated September 18, 2002;

(b) if so, facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The authorities of Sir Gangaram Hospital have informed that WHO is proposing to fund a project titled `Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance and Antimicrobial Use` which is likely to start from January, 2003. The technical services agreement is yet to be signed.

(c): In order to check indiscriminate use of antibiotics, it has been made mandatory under Drugs and CosmeticsRules that all antibiotics are sold only against the prescription of Registered Medical Practitioner. For this purpose, antibiotics have been classified under Schedule H of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules.